

**ABSTRACT**

**WA-V-069**

**Late 18th Century**

**Meadow Brook Farm**

**Williamsport Vicinity**

**private**

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Meadow Brook Farm

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Ridge Road north of Maryland Route 68

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF Williamsport

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Washington

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Paul M. Roth

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Route # 2

CITY, TOWN

Williamsport

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21795

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Court House

Liber #: 409

Folio #: 573

STREET &amp; NUMBER

West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland 21740

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

## 7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED < 50%	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE _____

### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Meadow Brook Farm is located at the end of a private lane extending in an easterly direction from Ridge Road a short distance north of Maryland Route 68 northwest of Williamsport in Washington County.

The dwelling stands on moderately high sloping ground west of Meadow Brook and faces south. It is a two story, four bay brick structure set on roughly coursed local limestone foundations which, because of the hillside location of the house are exposed a full story above ground level at the east end elevation. The bricks are laid in Flemish bond at the front and rear elevations of the house while the side walls display common bonding with, generally, five courses of stretchers between header rows. A molded quarter round brick watertable is located eight courses above the foundation at the front and rear elevations. Openings are topped with flat arches the height of one and a half bricks in length at the first story of the front and rear elevations and one brick in height at upper story and end wall windows.

The windows appear to have retained their original size and proportion. Those at the first story level are considerably longer than windows at the upper story. Wide frames which appear to be replacements of the originals hold two over two pane sashes.

The main entrance of the house is located in the third bay from the west end of the front or south elevation. The original door and most of the entrance woodwork were replaced during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. A one bay shed roofed porch shelters the entrance.

A pair of doors are located in the center bays of the rear or north elevation where a small porch is attached.

The roof of the house is covered with sheet metal and terminates with barge boards set directly against the end walls. Several courses of cornice molding finish the eaves. Broad brick chimneys extend from inside each gable end.

The interior of the house at the first story consists of four rooms divided by an entrance and stair hall. The two rooms located east of the hall each have diagonal fireplaces with relatively plain trim. West of the hall is a parlor and a secondary room. The parlor displays a partially paneled chimney wall with an unusual type of applied molded trim which appears at initial observation to be original. Cornice molding in the parlor room also appears to be original. The mantel piece is embellished with fluted and reeded work. All interior doors have six raised panels finished with quarter round. Interior door and window trim in the major rooms has "dog ear" or "shouldered" molding at the upper corners. A large service fireplace is located in the cellar.

Just east of the dwelling is a smoke house constructed of coursed limestone with a wood-sheathed hipped roof.

South of the house is a modern dairy barn built in 1949 to replace an earlier structure, and other buildings related to agricultural use.

The house is in good to excellent condition and stands on a tract containing 123.71 acres.

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# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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Throughout Washington County's history, agriculture has been one of its major industries. This farm which appears to have been in agricultural use since its early settlement has played a role in the development of the County's agricultural history. The farm has been in the family of the present owner since 1853.

Architecturally, the house on Meadow Brooks Farm is important as an unusually early example of brick construction in Washington County and the Cumberland Valley. It displays several exterior and interior characteristics which are associated with late 18th century construction in this region. Among these are the use of Flemish bond brickwork at more than one elevation, the presence of a watertable, and the size and proportion of doors and windows at the exterior. Interior 18th century features include the diagonally set fireplaces and the type of woodwork and decorative trim used throughout the house. It should be noted that the door and window arrangement consisting of four bays with the off-center front entrance is an important characteristic of many 18th and 19th century houses in southern Pennsylvania and northern Maryland.

The exact building date of this house is not known, and documentary information about its early history is incomplete. The earliest reference that could be found relating to this property occurs in the will of John Miller which was probated on June 30, 1801, (Will Liber A/447). The will directed that John Miller's real estate be sold at public sale. On April 2, 1802, the farm, then containing 255 acres was purchased by James McClain for \$160 (0/485). The property remained in the McClain family until it was sold at public sale as the result of an Equity Court Proceeding in 1841 to James Madison Downey (YY/15, Equity Court Records 2/917) James M. Downey sold the farm of 254 7/8 acres to Abraham Shupp on February 1, 1853 for \$12, 743. (IN7/347). The portion of the farm described in this form has remained in the Shupp and Roth families to the present time. Further information on these families may be found in Thomas J.C. Williams' History of Washington County, Volume 2. Another book, Dannie of Cedar Cliffs by Christmas Carol Kauffman describes the boyhood of Daniel Roth, grandson of Abraham Shupp, on this farm during the mid 19th century.

Meadow Brook Farm includes parts of the early land grants, "Linton," "Steeple," "Jones' Resurvey on the Mountain of Wales" and "Cleft Spring." The attached plat sketch by Arthur G. Tracey shows the relationship of these tracts to each other.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Kauffman, Christmas Carol, Dannie of Cedar Cliffs, Scottsdale, Pa: Herald Press, 1950.  
 Tracey, Arthur G., Unpublished Information on Early Land Grants in Western Maryland.  
 Westminster, Md., 1954.

Washington County Land Records.

Washington County Probate Records.

Williams, Thomas J.C., History of Washington County, Hagerstown, Md: Mail Pub. Co., 1906.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 123.71 acres.

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION****LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES**

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

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STREET &amp; NUMBER

County Office Building, 33 West Washington Street

CITY OR TOWN

Hagerstown

DATE

June 1976

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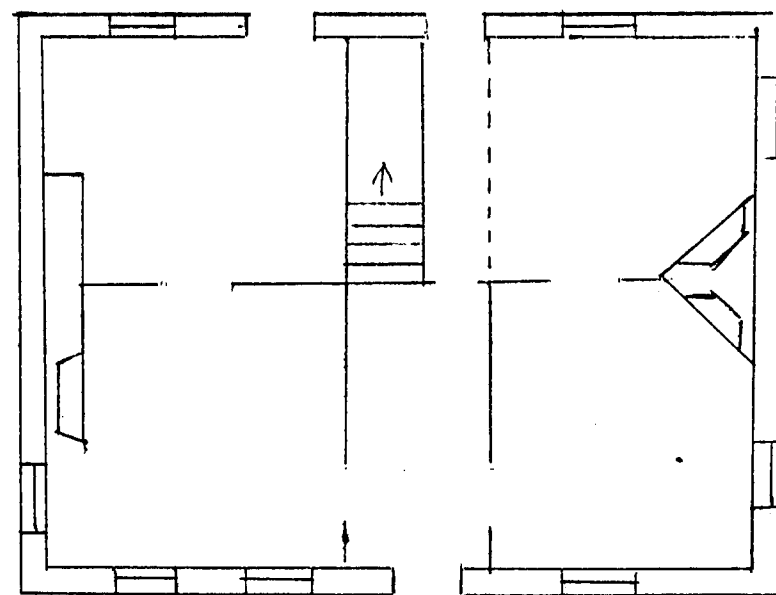
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Maryland 21740

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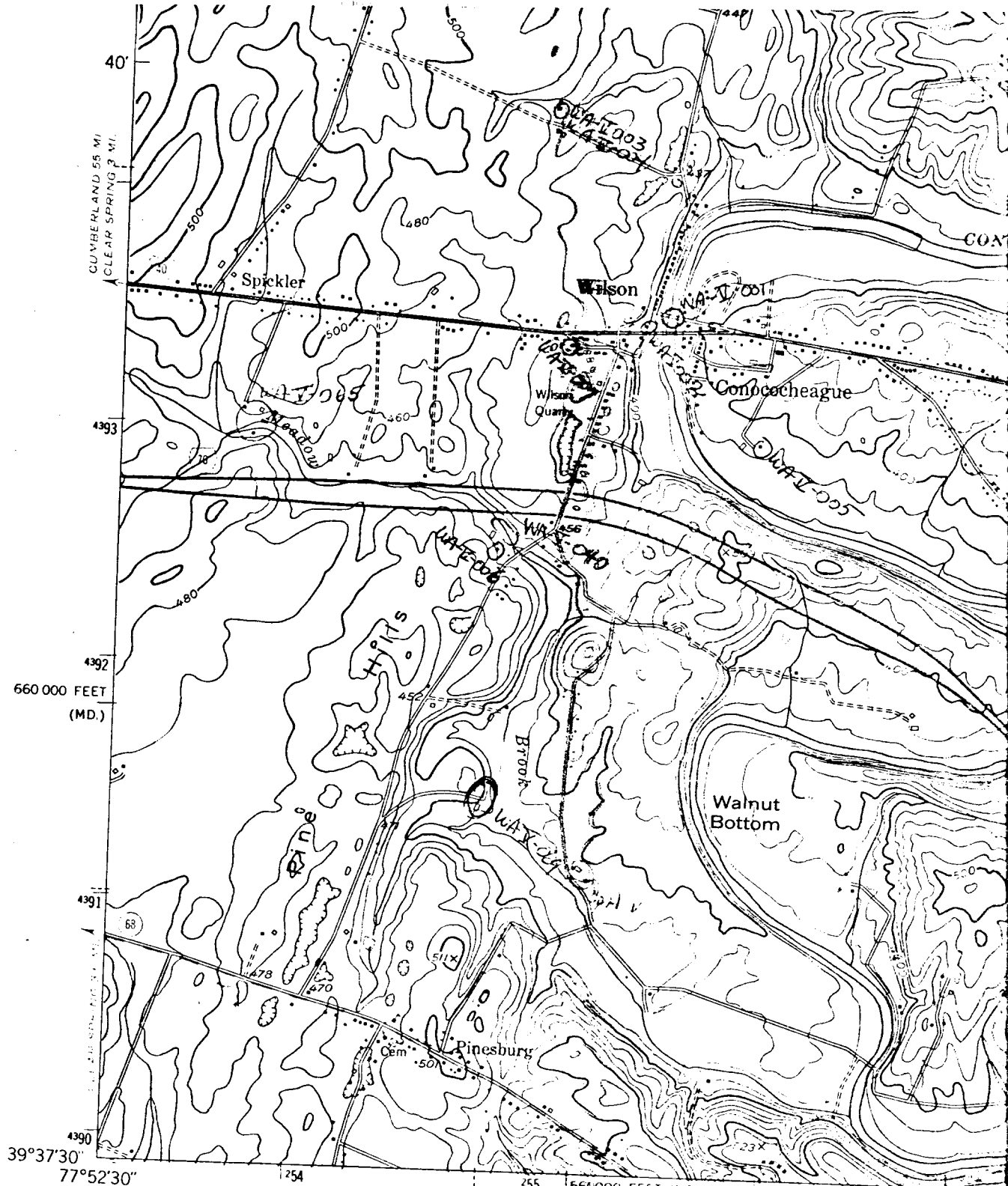


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MEADOW BROOK FARM

ROUGH SKETCH OF FIRST FLOOR PLAN

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11 EDGESVILLE  
5403 III SW

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Edited and published by the Geological Survey

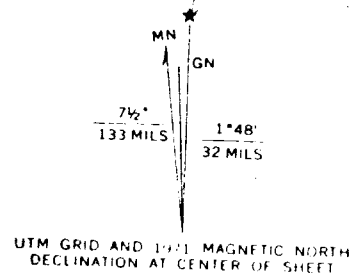
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Aerial photographs taken 1943

Culture revised by the Geological Survey 1953

Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum  
10,000 foot grids based on Maryland coordinate system  
and Pennsylvania coordinate system, south zone  
1000 meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,  
zone 18, shown in blue

Boundaries shown in purple compiled by the Geological Survey from  
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S.W. Room, 1st story

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